

12,000 RAIN GARDENS IN PUGET SOUND

Stewardship Partners and WSU Extension are challenging Puget Sound residents to build 12,000 rain gardens in 6 years. To help reach this ambitious goal, Stewardship Partners is thrilled to partner with City of Burien and the Environmental Science to offer free workshops and free rain garden installations. The King Conservation District helped launch Stewardship Partners' King County Rain Garden Program in



2008, supporting low impact development education and implementation throughout the county. This partnership empowers private landowners to protect our rivers and streams from the largest source of pollution in our region: stormwater. Stormwater starts as rain that picks up contaminants found on our roads, driveways, lawns, and rooftops. Rain gardens function like a native forest to absorb these contaminants in a cost-effective, low-maintenance, and beautiful way. They cost less than conventional drain-and-pipe

systems, prevent flood damage, erosion, mold problems, and increase property values. Are you ready to build one? Whether you have a green thumb or a brown thumb, there are free resources available:

Free Classroom Workshops

We hope you can attend one of our **free classroom workshops** on designing and installing rain gardens to prevent stormwater pollution, attract beneficial wildlife, and beautify the landscape. All classes start at 6pm and end at 8pm on weeknights. Advance registration is appreciated.

- Kirkland, City Hall: Tuesday, February 22nd
- Burien, Community Center: Tuesday, March 15th
- Seattle, REI Flagship Store: Tuesday, March 24th
- Seattle, Center for Urban Horticulture: Thursday, April 14th
- Everett, venue TBA: Tuesday, April 19th
- Puyallup, WSU Research Center: Thursday, May 12th

Free Rain Garden Installations

Stewardship Partners is also looking for six to eight homeowners who would like **free rain gardens** installed in their neighborhood. Several neighborhoods have already taken advantage of this exciting grant program with beautiful results in Pierce County, including homeowners without gardening experience. One Burien resident has already rallied five of her neighbors to apply. To nominate your neighborhood or register for a workshop, contact Stacey Ganas at (206) 292-9875.

With these resources, everyone can participate in our 12,000 Rain Gardens in Puget Sound campaign. Please visit our website to learn more at www.StewardshipPartners.org.

Stewardship Partners is a Seattle-based non-profit that helps private landowners restore and preserve the natural landscapes of Washington State.